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Chinese Communist Forces:

1. General headquarters were in the Susong Primary School, Pyongyang. The Political Commissar was WANG Kun.
2. The 21 and 27 Armies of the 3 Field Army had their headquarters in the KIM Il-song University at Pyongyang and were using other buildings in the immediate area.

Combined Forces:

3. The Chinese Communist 22, 17, 29, 31 and 32 Divisions (sic) and the North Korean KIM-Chaek* 4 Division (sic) were employed on the western front under the command of Lieutenant General CHOL Hyon, a Soviet-trained Korean. The units were moving north from Seoul and in to the Sibyon area late in February. Headquarters for the Combined West Task Force were near Sarnwon but not in the city.
4. The Chinese Communist 12 and 15 Corps (sic) and the Special North Korean Task Force were on the central front, under KIM Ung, a Chinese-trained Korean, with headquarters at Chunchon. The Central Group headquarters were to be set up near Yangdok.
5. The North Korean 7 Corps and the Chinese Communist 4 Corps (sic) of the 3 Field Army were on the eastern front with headquarters at Hoeyang. The group is known as the East Combined Task Force.

Miscellaneous:

6. PAK Il-nam is the commander of the North Korean 7 (sic) Task Force.
7. The Chinese and Soviet embassies returned to Pyongyang during January. General Shtykov was not in Pyongyang.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The locations and designations of many of the units conflict with available order-of-battle information.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The North Korean 4 Division assumed the name of the recently deceased KIM Chaek, the former commander-in-chief of the North Korean Army, who was buried on 1 February. The division commander is Major General YI Kwon-mu, Chinese-trained.

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